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TOPIC Oranienburg Airfield

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1. Sixteen jet planes with a strikingly high rudder assembly were standing in front of the hangar at the northern edge of Oranienburg (N 53/Z 67) airfield on 13 May 1950. Four planes of the same type were in the southeastern corner of the field. Their engines were intermittently revved up for about two minutes, raising large clouds of dust. (1) A car, which mounted a small flag on its radiator, and which was used during take-offs, was parked in the north-western corner of the field. A radio truck with a rod antenna was parked on the western edge of the field. Other antennae or radio stations were not noticed at the field.
2. Two squadrons, of four single-engine, low-wing monoplanes each, crossed the field about 3 p.m. These planes had in-line engines, and the leading edge of elevator assembly tapered back, while the trailing edge was straight. The planes were fitted with conspicuous but unknown weapons in each of their wings, and an additional tank or bomb under the middle of the fuselage. (2)
3. Ten to twelve boxes the size of a boxcar were stored on both sides of the entrance gate behind the turnpike. Twenty more boxes of the same type were on both sides of the spur track.
4. A heavily damaged factory with a high smokestack was in the triangle formed by the airfield approach road, the railroad line and Oranienburg Canal. The factory area was surrounded by a high barbed-wire fence and guarded by sentries wearing blue epaulets. The windows of the four storage sheds and the main building were boarded-up. Fire fighting equipment was installed in all buildings.

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5. A locomotive headed in the direction of Berlin was attached to a train of 7 boxcars, 32 tank cars and 4 flatcars at Oranienburg railroad station. The

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- F-2 6. Twenty-one jet fighters, with outlet under the tail assembly, stood on the runway of Oranienburg airfield on 18 May 1950. Two twin-engine planes, on which Soviet soldiers were working, were in front of the hangar. There was much flying at the field, which was heavily guarded. A jeep occupied by air force soldiers drove around the field every 15 minutes. (5)

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Comments.

- (1) In Oranienburg as at the other airfields in the Soviet Zone of Germany a squadron of jet planes seems to be kept ready for immediate take-offs.
- (2) No details are available on the fitting of auxiliary tanks or bombs on conventional fighter planes.
- (3) According to available information the factory at the northeastern corner of the field is used as an ammunition dump.

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- (4)
- (5) Oranienburg airfield is occupied by a fighter regiment equipped with Yak-9s and type 14 jet planes. From available reports the number of jet planes stationed at the field is estimated at 25 to 30. A transfer of Yak-9s type aircraft was not observed, although only 20 Yak-9s have recently been seen at the field. The arrival of new jet planes was not reported in recent months. It is possible, therefore, that the boxes, probably crates for the shipping of jet planes, are from the first shipment of jet planes.

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